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Applicants: Hiroyuki MATSUURA et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INSPECTING  
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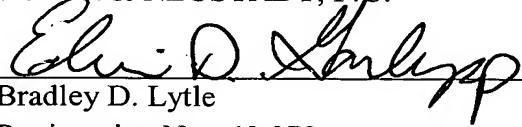
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 27, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1 to 25 directed to a system and elect Species I, Claims 1-11, 14-16, and 21-25. Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

However, the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden would exist if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and all the claims were examined together. Moreover, the claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Restriction requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-26 be conducted.

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